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BETHEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday, July 11, 2021

Welcome and Announcements Call to Worship

"There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God."

Song of Praise: "It is Good to Sing Your Praises" God's Greeting

Prayer:

Christ, in this hour of worship lift us out of the routine of our daily lives and set us up on your holy mountain. Let our worship come from our hearts,

that it may be genuine. Let our praises for you leap from our mouths, that we may be alive with faith and joy. Make us fresh again! Amen.

Song:

"Open Our Eyes Lord (we want to see Jesus)"

Pray of Confession:

We are told that we are not alone, you are with us. You are as close as a prayer, close as our heart. Yet why do you feel so far away, God? Teach us to pray!

For those among us who have not prayed this week; forgive us for not turning to you, for prioritizing many things, while missing what is essential. We have failed to find the comfort and wisdom you offered.

For those among us who wanted to pray but didn't know how to pray this week: show us that we can long for you, even when there are no words.

For those among us who prayed but prayed selfishly or for only our own benefit; enlarge our horizon to see your big picture, to see the needs of others and not just our own.

For those among us who prayed, but felt that you were not listening, or did not answer the way we wanted; give us patience, and trust in your timing. For those among us who are not sure you are even there to pray to; may the prayers of our community lead us into your presence, drawing us into your love and deepest care.

Hear the concerns of our hearts in this time of silence; We pray, confident that you hear us, Amen.

Song: "Hear Our Prayer O Lord"

Children's Blessing: <u>Children's Video</u>
Prayer for Illumination

Hearing God's Word

Scripture:

John 1:1-18

Message:

"A New Beginning in Christ"

Song of Response:

"Of The Father's Love Begotten"

Prayers of God's People

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Online Apolate

We will be livestreaming to our Facebook page via this link: <u>Direct link to the service</u>

on YouTube via this link: You Tube Channel.
You can also watch it later thru Vimeo,
on Wightman TV, through our website.

Parting Blessing

Closing Praise: "We Receive Your Blessing"